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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK/IMF ANNUAL MEETINGS

REF: STATE 184669

1. GREECE'S DELEGATION TO THE IMF/IBRD ANNUAL MEETING WILL
INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

HEAD OF DELEGATION TO THE IMF: X. ZOLOTAS, GOVERNOR, BANK
OF GREECE

ALTERNATE: D. HALIKIAS, ECONOMIC ADVISOR TO THE BANK OF GREECE
HEAD OF DELEGATION TO THE IBRD: A. KALANTZAKOS, DEPUTY
SECRETARY, COORDINATION MINISTRY

ALTERNATE: A. ANGELOPOULOS, GOVERNOR, NATIONAL BANK OF GREECE

OTHER MEMBERS: C. CARANICIS, ALTERNATE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
TO IMF; M. VRANOPOULOS, ADVISOR TO BANK OF GREECE GOVERNOR.

2. THE GOG HAS NOT YET REQUESTED BILATERALS, BUT WE EXPECT
THAT GOVERNOR ZOLOTAS WILL SEEK APPROPRIATE CALLS ON SENIOR
STATE AND TREASURY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS, AS HAS
BEEN HIS PRACTICE IN THE PAST. ZOLOTAS IS ONE OF THE KEY
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ECONOMIC POLICY-MAKERS IN GREECE, VERY CLOSE TO
CARAMANLIS PERSONALLY, AND ALMOST AN INSTITUTION IN THE
IMF, HAVING SERVED AS GREECE'S GOVERNOR SINCE THE FUND'S
INCEPTION IN 1946, EXCEPT DURING THE MILITARY DICTATORSHIP.
THEREFORE WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT APPROPRIATE HIGH-LEVEL
MEETINGS BE ARRANGED WHEN OFFICIALLY REQUESTED.

3. THERE ARE TWO ISSUES OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THE GOG IN THE UPCOMING MEETING. FIRST, GREECE IS ONE OF FOUR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXCLUDED BY THE IMF FROM FULL RESTITUTION OF ITS GOLD, AND THE GOG DELEGATION PLANS TO RAISE AN OBJECTION. SECOND, GREECE IS DUE TO GRADUATE THIS YEAR FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRY STATUS IN TERMS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR IBRD LOANS, AND GREECE'S DELEGATION PLANS TO ASK FOR A ONE-OR TWO-YEAR POSTPONEMENT.
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